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20 November 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Review Committee

SUBJECT: Support for an Exploratory Meeting on World Congress for Freedom and Democracy

1. The Problem:

To set up a meeting to explore a proposal for the creation of a World Congress for Freedom and Democracy.

2. Discussion:

In April 1961 a proposal was made by a social and political sciences research group, Il Mulino, of Bologna, Italy, for the organization of a World Congress for Freedom and Democracy. This proposal has been studied by Mr. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, and [redacted] Chief, SRS, DD/I, and the decision has been reached that the time is now ripe for a meeting of both American and European delegates to discuss the matter in considerably more detail.

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Funds are available within the ODDI Fiscal Year 1962 Budget.

4. Durations:

Approximately five days — 11 to 15 December 1961.

5. Coordination:

This proposal has been coordinated with Mr. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., of the White House and appropriate elements of the DD/P.

6. Approval:

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Inasmuch as the cost is [REDACTED] DD/I is authorized to approve.

ROBERT AMERY, JR.
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Exploratory meeting on World Congress for Freedom and Democracy

1. A meeting of twelve Europeans and two Americans is to be held in Paris 11-15 December 1961, to explore a proposal for the creation of a World Congress for Freedom and Democracy. This meeting grows out of a proposal made in April 1961 by a social and political science research group, Il Mulino, of Bologna, Italy. Under authorization of DDL, [REDACTED] Chief, SRS, has been working on this project with Mr. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President. He has coordinated it with appropriate elements of DDP. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] travel will be covered by regular Agency procedures. In addition he requests authorization to travel to Germany, Switzerland, Italy, England, and other Western European countries, if required as result of leads developed at the meeting. It is not anticipated that such travel will actually be needed. All travel outside the period of the meeting will be on a regular per diem basis. All [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] travel will be on an Economy-Tourist class basis, including 17-day round trip excursion to Europe. In addition [REDACTED] requests approval to use up to three days annual leave in Europe.

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6. [REDACTED] proposes to fly to Paris on 7 December and return not later than 22 December.

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8. [REDACTED] requests advance of [REDACTED] (per diem, entertainment, and possible additional travel).

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Chief, SRS/DDI

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